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Pursuant to Rule 12 of the Department's Rules of Practice (14 C.F.R. § 302.12), US Airways, Inc. ("US Airways") hereby requests confidential treatment of certain information contained in Schedule B-7 - Airframe and Aircraft Engine Acquisitions and Retirements of US Airways' Form 41 filing for the quarter ending December 31, 2003 ("Schedule B-7") and Schedule B-43 - Inventory of Airframes and Aircraft Engines for the year ending December 31, 2003 ("Schedule B-43"). These filings will be submitted separately herewith under seal, marked with a request for confidential treatment pursuant to Rule 12 (§ 302.12). US Airways requests that these data be withheld from public disclosure for a period of at least ten (10) years from the date of their submission. In support of this request, US Airways states as follows:

The Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4), provides that confidential commercial and financial information obtained from a private person is exempt from the requirements of public disclosure. The information for which US Airways requests confidential treatment is confidential and proprietary commercial and financial information obtained from

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US Airways, a private party. Moreover, the public release of that information would cause US Airways substantial competitive and financial injury. Accordingly, the information should be withheld from public disclosure.

The information at issue is cost, amortization/depreciation and realization data relating to US Airways' airframes and aircraft engines as of December 31, 2003. This information is presented in columns 9, 10, and 11 of Schedule B-7 and in columns 10, 11, 12, and 13 of Schedule B-43. *See* Exhibit A hereto for a listing of the specific information included in Schedule B-7 and Schedule B-43 for which confidential treatment is requested. In addition to filing Schedule B-7 and Schedule B-43 under seal, US Airways is submitting to the Office of Aviation Analysis redacted copies of Schedule B-7 and Schedule B-43, available for public inspection, that omit the information for which confidential treatment is requested.

The Department has previously determined that the confidential and competitively-sensitive data contained in US Airways' Schedules B-7 and B-43 are entitled to confidential treatment. By letter of James W. Mitchell, Director, Office of Airline Statistics, the Department granted prior US Airways' requests for confidential treatment of this same information for earlier reporting periods and ruled that it be withheld from public disclosure for a period of ten (10) years. The Department's reasoning applies with equal force to US Airways' present motion and submission.

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WHEREFORE, US Airways respectfully requests that the confidential information contained in its Schedule B-7 and Schedule B-43 detailed above be withheld from public disclosure for at least ten (10) years.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **EXHIBIT A**

Listing of Confidential Information in US Airways, Inc.'s Form 41 Filing

#### Schedule B-7:

| Title/Description          | Location in Document | Number of Pages |
|----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Cost                       | Column (9)           | 5               |
| Amortized/Depreciated Cost | Column (10)          | 5               |
| Realization                | Column (11)          | 5               |

#### Schedule B-43:

| Title/Description                          | Location in Document | Number of Pages |
|--|----------------------|-----------------|
| Acquired Cost or Capitalized Value         | Column (10)          | 23              |
| Allowance for Depreciation or Amortization | Column (11)          | 23              |
| Depreciation Cost or<br>Amortized Value    | Column (12)          | 23              |
| Estimated Residual Value                   | Column (13)          | 23              |